

# Powerfuels in a Renewable Energy World

## Global Alliance Powerfuels

### Study presentation



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- 3 Key messages and perspective of the German Energy-Agency  
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# Global Alliance Powerfuels – What we do

An initiative coordinated by the German Energy Agency

## Advocacy & Communication

Raise awareness and acceptance of powerfuels as missing link to reaching global climate targets



## Policy & Regulation

Support the enhancement of regulatory frameworks with a focus on Europe as demand region

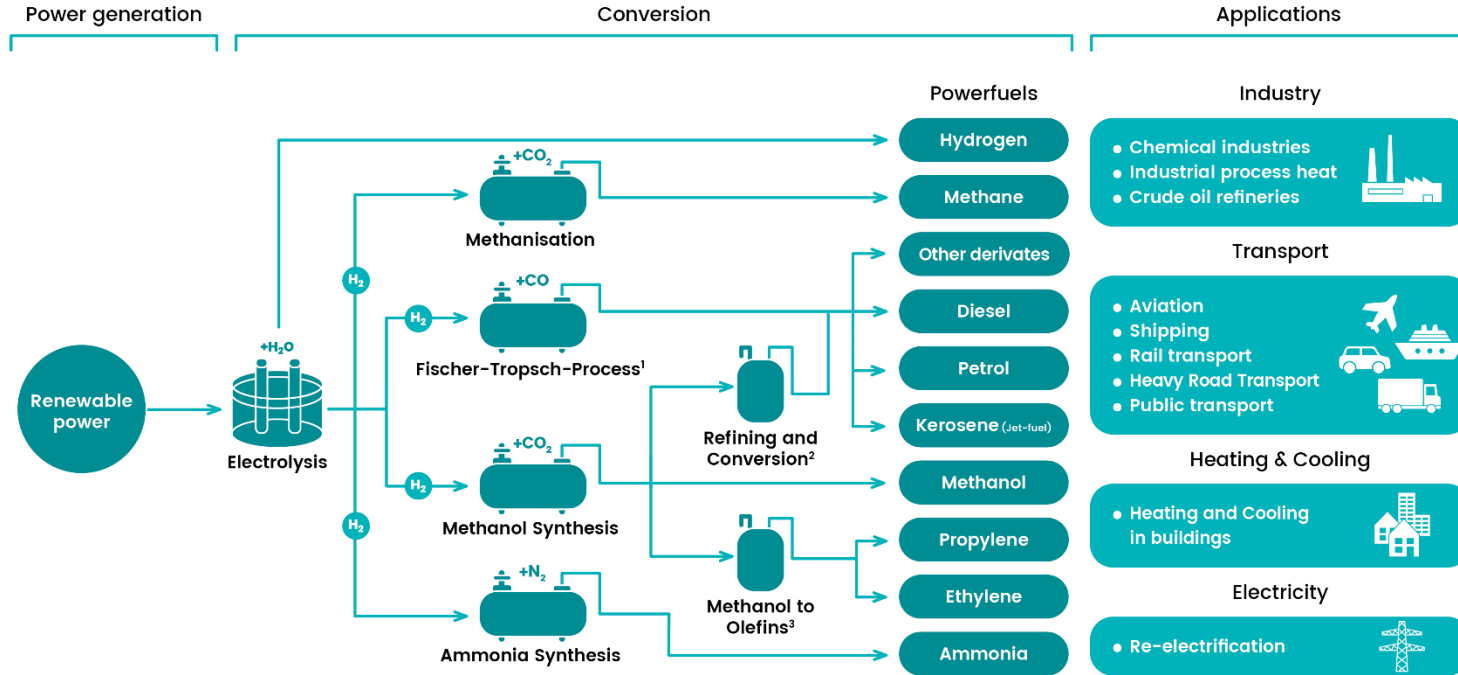


## Global Project Development

Stimulate project development to globally enable production capacities



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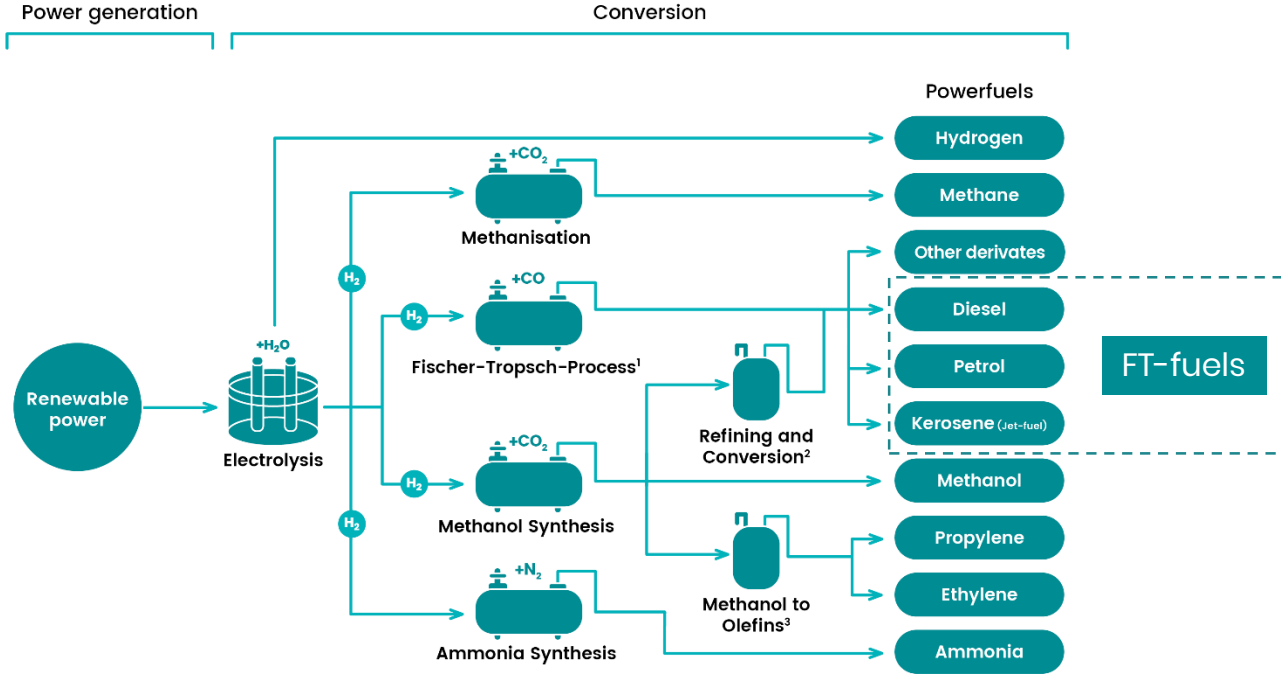


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# Our global network

## Our members



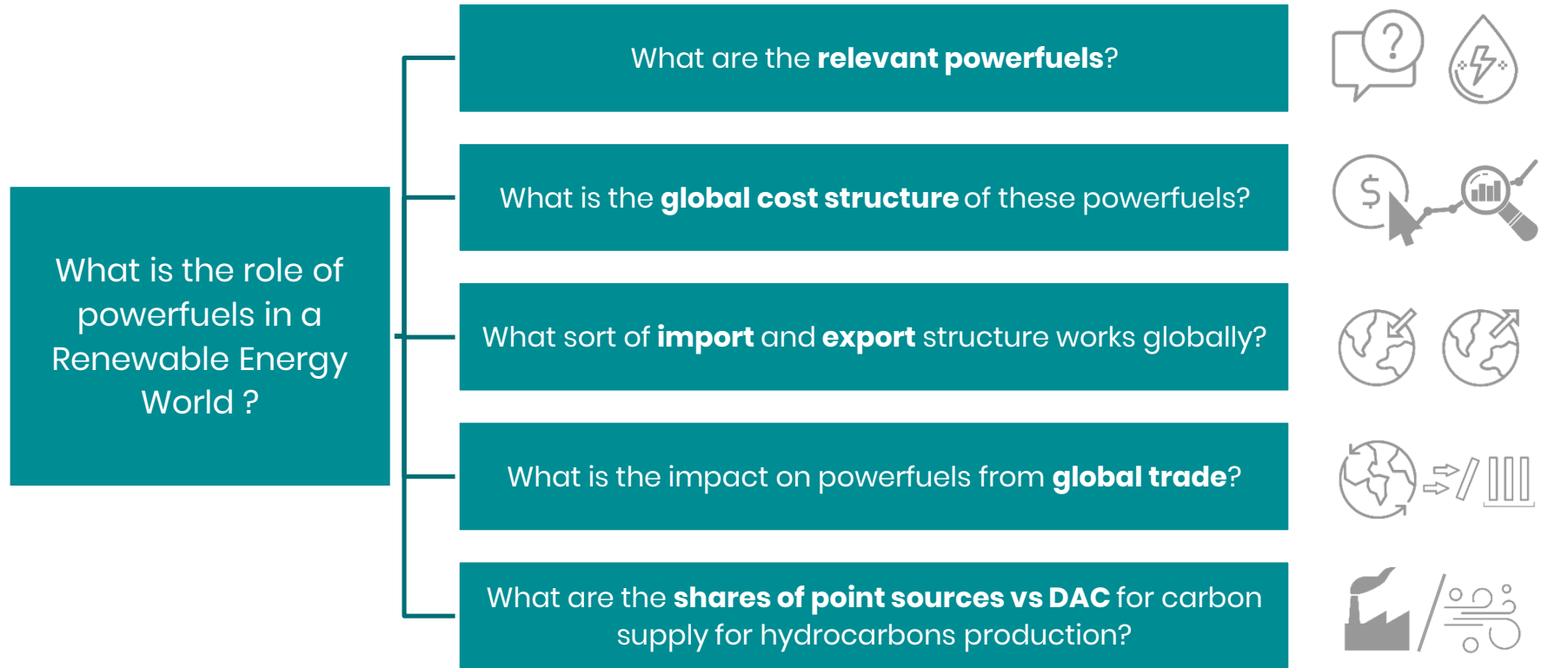
## Our partners



# Background and methods



# Research questions





# Background of Study

## Climate Frameworks and modeling implications

European  
Green Deal



Paris Agreement  
(well below 2°C)



Modeling implications

- + (Net) zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050 are mandatory
- + Negative GHG emissions are costly, risky, with unclear responsibilities.
- + Thus, zero GHG emissions is the real target for the energy system
- + This implies in particular GHG emission neutral powerfuels (fuels for transport, chemicals for industry)

# Background of Study

## Room for improvement in existing works

Source	final energy fuel shares in 2050 in %			
	fossil fuels	biofuel	powerfuels	electricity
This work	0	1	63	35
Greenpeace [E]R <sup>73</sup>	29	14	20	38
Greenpeace [E]R adv. <sup>73</sup>	0	14	35	51
Teske, 1.5 °C <sup>74</sup>	0	16	36	48
Teske, 2 °C <sup>74</sup>	0	25	29	46
Jacobson et al. <sup>75</sup>	0	0	33	67
Löffler et al. <sup>76</sup>	0	15	44	41
Pursiheimo et al. <sup>77</sup>	0	30	33	37
García-Olivares et al. <sup>78</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
WWF <sup>79</sup> /Deng et al. <sup>80</sup>	0	74	0	26
World Energy Council <sup>81</sup>	62	12	9	17

\*presented numbers apply to the transport sector only  
(From the presented, upcoming study)

### Considered gaps from existing works

- + Powerfuels in major energy studies are still very often limited to hydrogen only
- + RE-based chemicals are not yet part of any known global study
- + Models lack inclusion of powerfuels
- + Green Deal and ambitious IPCC targets are not yet well reflected in most studies

# Unique Features of the Study

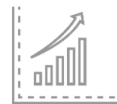
Covering the **fuel demand by powerfuels** in a sustainable economy

**Chemical industry** is fully **considered** within powerfuels demand

**Global trade** of powerfuels enabled for existing shipping options

**Full hourly resolution** of analyses based on 145 regions

**Latest cost insights** applied for all key technologies



# Applied Methods



## Step 1 Framing, demand, fuels/chemicals

Fully sustainable energy system by 2050

LUT reports as basis for powerfuels demand and cost structure



## Step 2 Cost structures and regional structuring

Years 2030, 2040, 2050 are considered for 145 regions globally, aggregated to 92 regions

LUT reports as basis for latest cost levels of solar PV, battery, CO<sub>2</sub> DAC

Full hourly modeling, PV/Wind shares, operation modes of electrolyzers, DAC, etc.



## Step 3 Global trading

All 92 regions are grouped into importers, exporters and neutral

Relative export shares estimated as a function of export attractiveness, cost attractiveness, available area

Import demand obtained as a function of relative cost levels and import shares of 0...100%



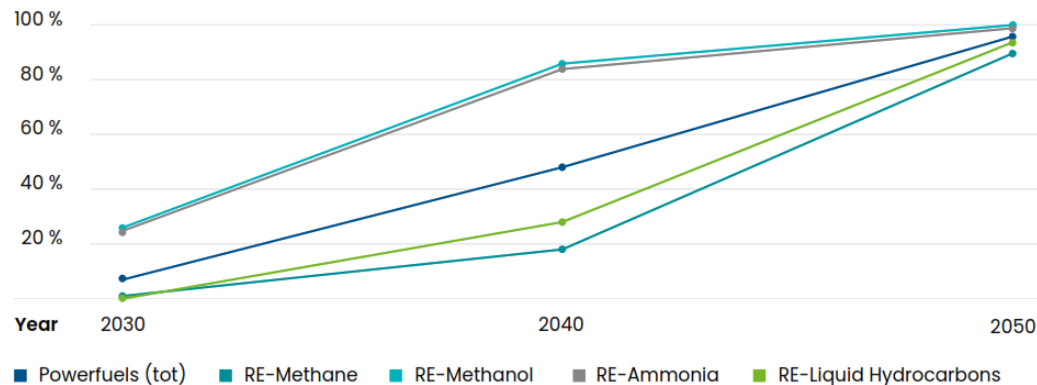
## Step 4 Results analysis

Global market for powerfuels: pre-trade and post-trade, volumes, values, trends over time and regions

# Main Assumptions: energy transition pathway, powerfuels share across sectors and applications

- + Carbon neutral global energy system by 2050
  - Development of powerfuels shares in the transport sector according to LUT/EWG study
  - Development of powerfuels shares in chemical industry according to progressive assumptions
  - Energy demand and underlying assumptions aligned with IEA World Energy Outlook
- + Very high levels of direct electrification
- + Use of biofuels limited at 2020 levels due to sustainability constraints

Global shares of demand for fuels and chemicals covered by powerfuels from 2030 to 2050



Referenced LUT studies



[link to report](#)



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# Technical and financial assumptions of energy system technologies used in the energy transition



**Solar PV:** CAPEX according to European Technology and Innovation Platform Photovoltaics (ETIP-PV)



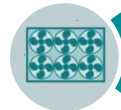
**Wind:** CAPEX based on conservative assumptions due to lack of transparent information provided by wind industry



**Battery:** CAPEX assumptions confirmed by major industry players



**Water electrolysis:** CAPEX assumptions based on numbers communicated by industry players



**CO<sub>2</sub> DAC:** conservative CAPEX assumptions, based on numbers communicated by industry players

# Key findings



# Powerfuels and DAC play an important role in a carbon neutral global energy system

**43,200 TWh**

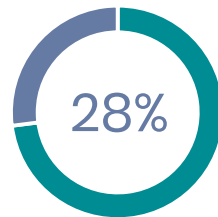
Final energy demand covered by powerfuels in 2050

**6,000 Mt**

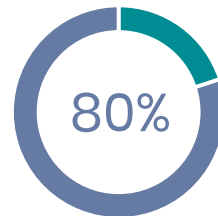
CO<sub>2</sub> demand for powerfuels production in 2050

**18,000 b€**

Investments required until 2050



of global final energy  
consumption 2050



of which is supplied by DAC, 20%  
from point sources



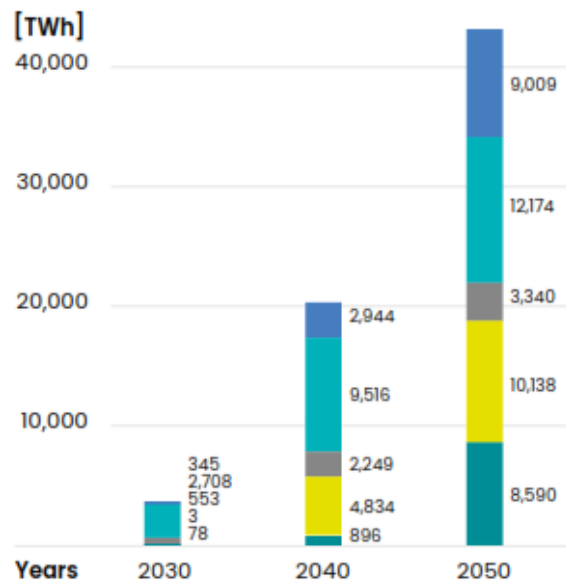
Close to the cost of sustaining oil  
and natural gas demand at  
current levels in same timeframe.  
*upstream capital expenditures = approx.  
17,500 b€*



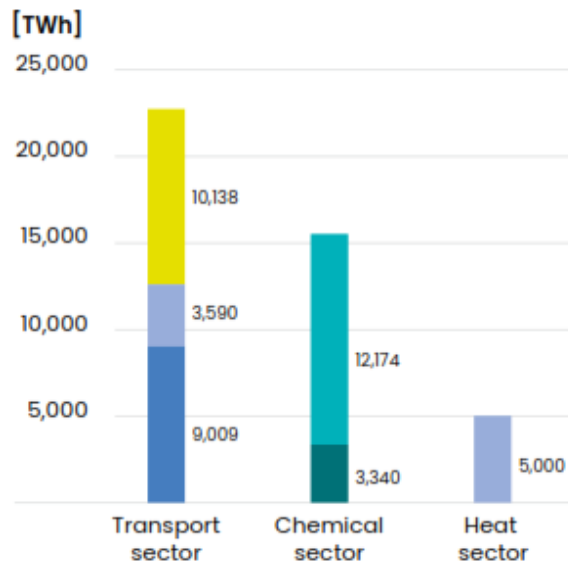
# All types of powerfuels play a dominant role 2030–2050

## With different shares in different sectors

Global powerfuels demand by year



Global powerfuels demand by sector in 2050



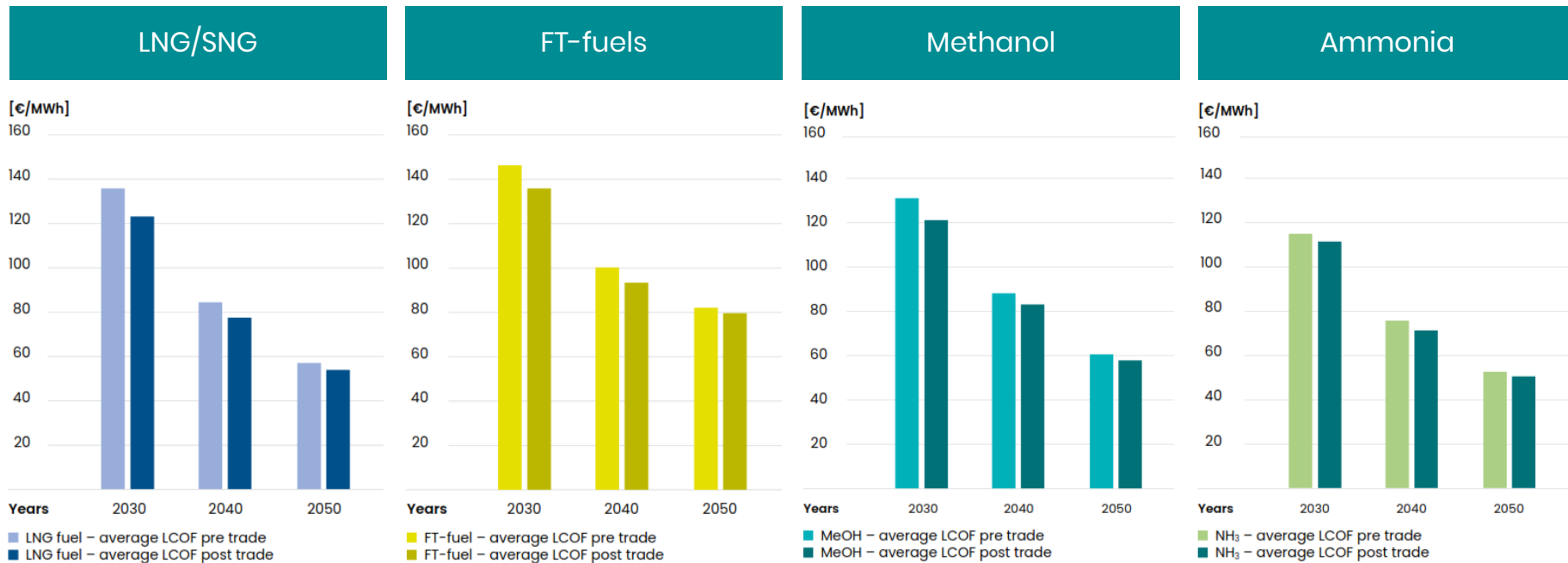
Legend



Transport sector 2050	23,000 TWh
Chemical sector 2050	15,500 TWh
Heat sector 2050	5,000 TWh

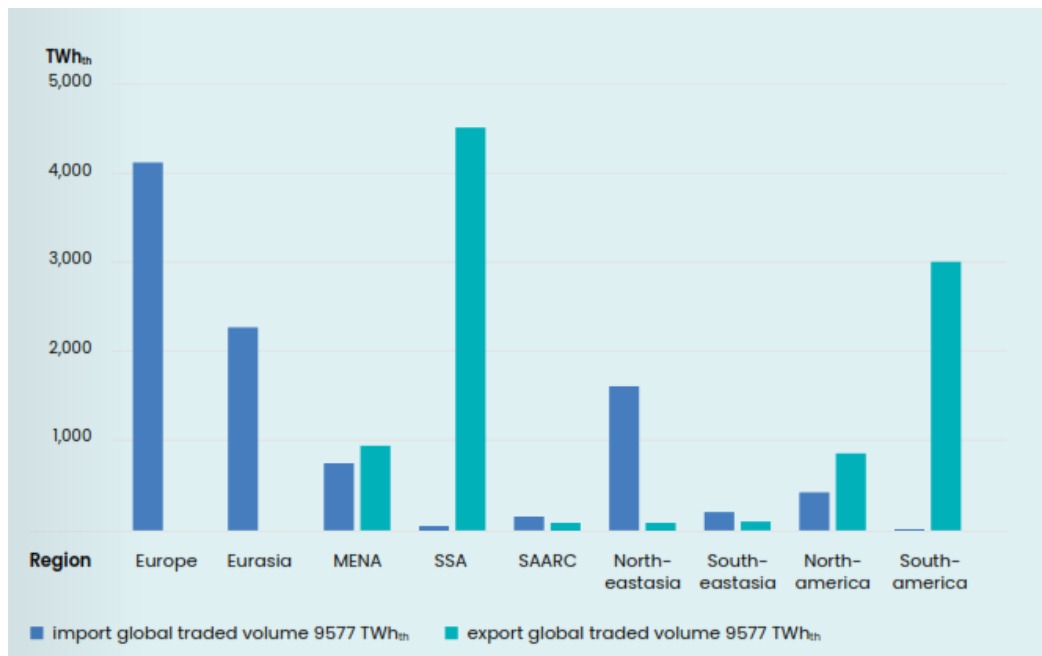
# Costs of powerfuels decline steadily until 2050

## Levelised cost of globally traded powerfuels



# Trade streams of powerfuels emerge globally in a cost-optimised scenario

## Global trading volumes of powerfuels in 2050



## Main importers and exporters

**Importers** mainly reside in the northern hemisphere.

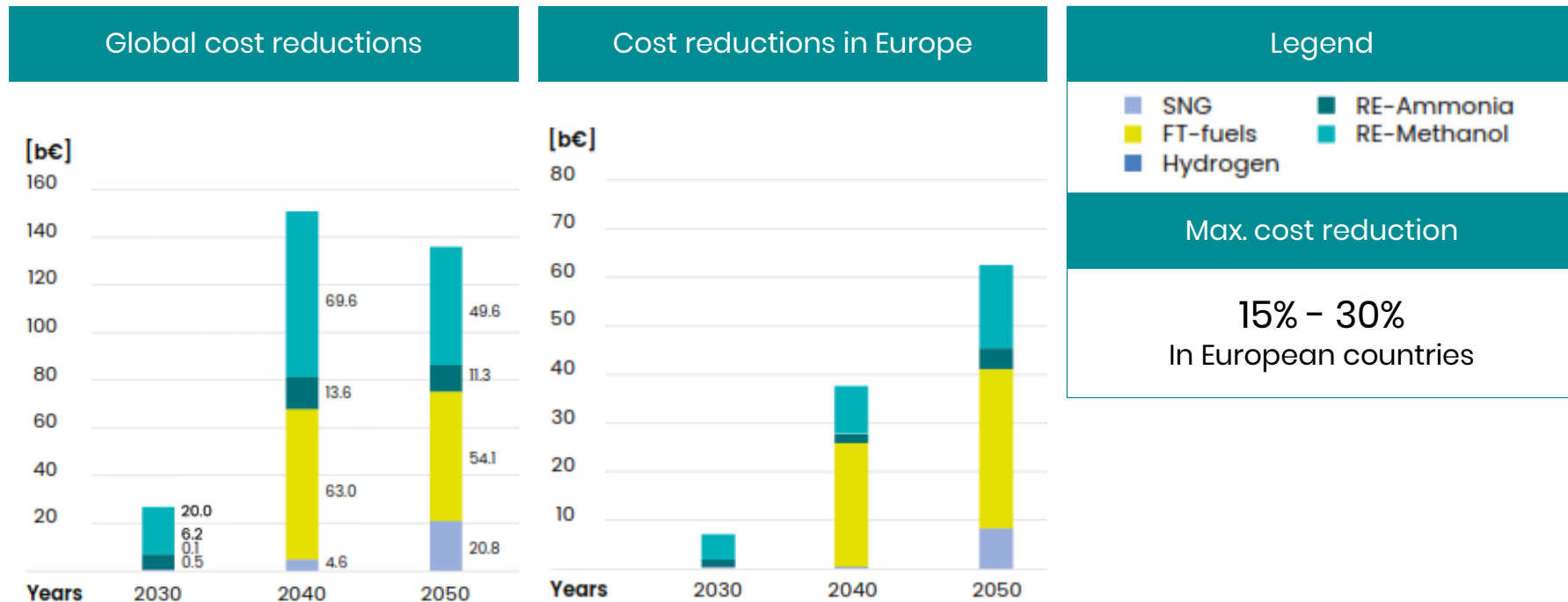
**Exporters** mainly reside in the sunbelt region.

Some regions are importers and exporters, such as North America (Mexico exporting, Canada importing).

Relative reduction in trade streams volumes compared to fossil fuels today

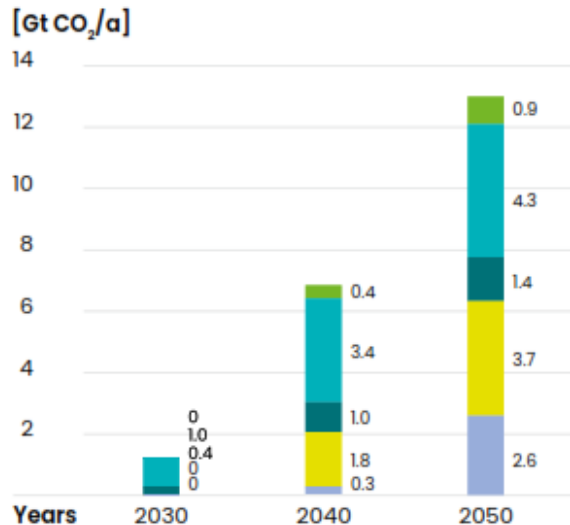
30% – 42%

# Global trade results in significant cost savings compared to a self-supply scenario

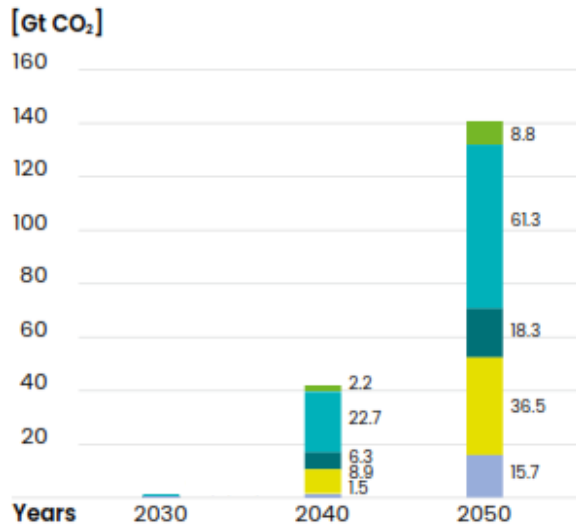


# A scenario without powerfuels would result in significant amounts of additional CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Global **yearly**  
CO<sub>2</sub> avoidance



Global **cumulative**  
CO<sub>2</sub> avoidance



Legend

- SNG
- FT-fuels
- Hydrogen
- RE-Ammonia
- RE-Methanol
- RE-Naphtha

Cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
avoidance vs. current baseline

140 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>

# General Conclusions and Assessment from the perspective of the German Energy Agency

## Insights

- + **Significant contribution** for carbon neutral system and climate mitigation
- + Importance of **sustainable CO<sub>2</sub>**
- + Global powerfuels **trade lowers cost**
- + Powerfuels markets are **more diverse** than fossil markets
- + **Investment** needs are comparable to current O&G upstream investments

## Recommendations

### Global energy / industry bodies

- + **Coordinate** on standardisation, funding, policy and regulation

### National Governments

- + **Evolve ,H2 strategies'** and define own position in global markets

### Oil & Gas industry

- + Develop aspiring **transition strategy** and viable transformation pathways
- + Divert upstream **investments**

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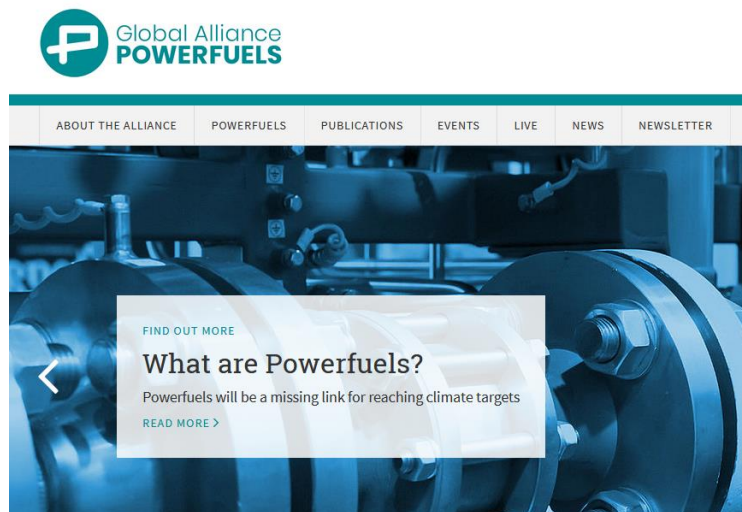
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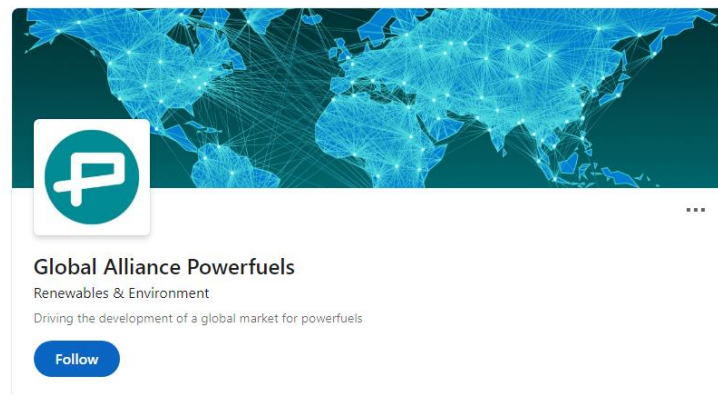
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### About us

The strategic objective of the Alliance is to foster the development of a global market for powerfuels. The Alliance has three main goals: Raise awareness and acceptance of powerfuels as missing link to reach global climate targets; Support the further enhancement of regulatory frameworks with a first focus on Europe as demand region; Stimulate project development to globally enable production capacities on industrial scale, thus increasing cost competitiveness with fossil fuels.





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